



# Coringa News



24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Kia Ora

## SATURDAY'S MATCH

Better weather at last!

Hopefully, the unseasonal February weather is behind us, and we can all enjoy the summer we have been missing!

This Saturday's golf includes:

- The match of the day which is a Stroke round off the Black or White tees.
- The final of the Foley Cup.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Vets Cup. If you are 55 or older and have not added your name to the list in the pro shop this is the last opportunity to do so.
- The final round of the Summer ringers.
- The Shootout for 2022 which is now underway.

Remember **Covid protocols** (especially face masks – the new rules introduced last week mean **face masks should be worn at all times when inside unless you are eating and drinking**)

### Last weeks raffle winners:

John Brettell (2); Kevin Walker (40); Bill Hallett (26); Paul Hansen (36); Andrew Wight (15).

The programme until the end of April 2022 is:

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| <b>February</b> | 26 | Sat | Stroke – Black / White tees<br>Final Foley Cup<br>Vets Cup 3rd round<br>Summer Ringers – Final day.<br>Shootout |
| <b>March</b>    | 1  | Tue | Ladies<br>Twilight  |
|                 | 2  | Wed | <b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b><br>– Stableford – White Tees<br>10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)    |
|                 | 3  | Thu | Ladies  |

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|              |    |      | Men: Stroke - Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees.  |
|              | 5  | Sat  | American Stableford – Blue tees.<br><b>Random Drawn fours after 10.30 am.</b><br>Shootout<br>Summer Ringers                           |
|              | 7  | Mon  | CANTERBURY VETS.COMPETITION – Stableford.<br>Course closed until 2:00pm   |
|              | 8  | Tue  | Ladies<br>Twilight  |
|              | 9  | Wed  | Templeton Wednesday Tournament  |
|              | 10 | Thu  | Ladies<br>Men: Stableford - White tees  |
|              | 12 | Sat  | 4BBB Nett – White Tees<br>Shootout<br>Winter Ringers – Final day  |
|              | 15 | Tue  | Ladies<br><b>Twilight Final Night</b>   |
|              | 16 | Wed  | WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver tees<br>-11:00am start - \$10 entry fee.   |
|              | 17 | Thu  | Ladies<br>Men: Par - Yellow tees  |
|              | 19 | Sat  | Stableford – Blue / Silver tees<br>Shootout   |
|              | 22 | Tue  | Ladies  |
|              | 23 | Wed  | Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament  |
|              | 24 | Thu  | Ladies<br>Men: Stableford - Yellow tees   |
|              | 26 | Sat  | Par – Black / Silver tees<br>Shootout   |
|              | 30 | Wed  | WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – White tees<br>-11:00am start - \$10 entry fee.  |
|              | 31 | Thur | Ladies<br>Men: Irish Stableford – Yellow tees   |
| <b>April</b> | 2  | Sat  | Stroke – Blue / White tees<br>Shootout  |
|              | 5  | Tue  | Ladies  |
|              | 6  | Wed  | <b>Lone Star Group WATERING TOURNAMENT</b><br>– Stableford – White Tees<br>10.30 am start; (\$15 entry fee.)                          |
|              | 7  | Thu  | Ladies<br>Men: Stroke – Jerry Attick Trophy – Yellow tees   |
|              | 9  | Sat  | <b>CORINGA OPEN – 18 holes off Blue tees</b><br>Gross and Nett<br>Shootout  |
|              | 12 | Tue  | Ladies  |
|              | 13 | Wed  | Templeton Wednesday Tournament  |
|              | 14 | Thu  | Ladies<br>Men: Stableford – White tees  |
|              | 16 | Sat  | Stroke – White tees.<br><b>(Kornz Trophy match play with Alpha Group after midday)</b><br>Vets Cup 4 <sup>th</sup> round<br>Shootout. |

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|  | 19 | Tue  | Ladies  |
|  | 20 | Wed  | WEDNESDAY TOURNAMENT – Stableford – Silver Tees<br>- 11 am start; \$10 entry fee.   |
|  | 21 | Thu  | Ladies<br>Men: Par – Yellow Tees  |
|  | 23 | Sat  | Stroke – Blue / Silver tees<br>Vets Cup 5 <sup>th</sup> and final round<br>Shootout |
|  | 25 | Mon  | <b>ANZAC DAY – Course Open</b>  |
|  | 26 | Tue  | Ladies  |
|  | 27 | Wed  | Ellesmere Wednesday Tournament  |
|  | 28 | Thur | Ladies<br>Men: Stableford – Yellow tees   |
|  | 30 | Sat  | Stroke – Blue / Silver tees<br>Shootout   |

## SHOOTOUT 2022

To date we over 30 entries and I know there are more to come! The more that enter means the prize pool is BIGGER!

This year long competition has been rightly claimed as the BEST competition we run at Coringa. The competition has begun and runs for the duration of the year with the final scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> of November. It is open to ALL members, men and women, who play in the Saturday match of the day. It is a Stableford competition (irrespective of the Saturday match) and throughout the year the 10 BEST stableford scores of each player are used to determine the top players to qualify for the final in November. The number of qualifiers will be determined by the number of entrants. Once you enter all you need to do is watch the weekly update on the Coringa website to follow your progress.

**Entry fee for the competition is a one-off payment of \$20** and all entry fee money is allocated to the prize winners. You may enter at any time during the year, but obviously the sooner the better to give you the maximum number scores to contribute towards your personal average.

The Final: The players with the highest average for their ten best rounds compete in the final. The final is played over nine (or twelve) holes with the player with the lowest stableford score on the hole being eliminated. If there is more than one player with equal lowest score on a hole there is a SHOOTOUT (usually a chip or a putt) to determine the eliminated player.

The more entries we have the better the competition (and the higher the prize money!), so please get involved and if there are questions about the competition, please feel free to ask me or anyone who has been involved in the competition in the past.

The present holder of the *FASTGLASS SHOOTOUT TROPHY* is Spencer Wicks.

John Brettell

Shootout Convenor

## CLUB NEWS

### New Members

We welcome the following four new members who have joined since the last newsletter

Oscar Humphreys

Daniel O'Donnell

Liam O'Leary

Ryan Schmack

Do not hesitate to ask from the pro shop or any of the members how the club functions and the different competitions we run throughout the week. Most importantly do enjoy your time at Coringa.

### Course news – toilets and wood pile

Great progress is being made by the team under the careful watch of The Boss. Port-a-Loos are in place while the work is underway. Painting is nearly done on both blocks, hopefully the Tiler and the Plumber have been in and the new and improved toilets will shortly be back in action!

Still waiting for the wood chipping contractor to come and remove the wood piles around the course – all set, just need him to be available – hoping it happens soon!!

## SUMMER RINGERS

Round 11, the penultimate round of the Summer Ringers Competition was played under overcast warm conditions with the threat of some rain expected later in the afternoon, but it appeared well after all participants had completed their rounds. There were 30 eager Ringers participants who entered the MOTD, to see if they could improve their hole scores with only two rounds remaining. The course was presented in top condition, with the rough cut during the week but what was left was still however challenging, the greens had good speed with the putts rolling truly and the fairways looking at their best at this time of the year when it is usually browned off in places.

After Round 8 the field was divided into three divisions with Group A again being a smaller group of 11 to ensure that the handicap index range is competitive for those lower handicappers. The balance of players were divided into two equal Groups of 16.

In Group A, Brian Docherty maintains the lead with a net score of 53.93, with a slender margin of 0.11 over Spencer Wicks on 54.04 after attaining another birdie, with Isaac Preece continuing to hold third spot on 55.32. The first 7 places is within 3.77.

In Group B, Alan Wicks is the second player to record a sub-50 net score and has etched out a lead of 0.43 on 49.74 over Andrew Wight who moves up a spot on 50.17, with Jonathan Kemp dropping down a spot on 51.84 to hold third position, with Clinton Chase holding onto fourth place on 53.17. The top 8 places are within 6.14, with a number of players still having bogeys to eradicate.

In Group C, Chris Cottrell on 49.09 continues to hold a 1.22 lead over John Maasch on 50.31, with Oliver Snape holding onto third position on 51.83. The first 8 places have now compacted and the range is now reduced to 5.11.

There were an additional 13 qualifying birdies recorded by the Ringers field this week, with Spencer Wicks heading these stats with 13 birdies...the chances now of the possibility of birdieing every hole are looking very slim, but it's been a great effort so far. Albert Yee who was playing in the Semi-Finals of the Foley Cup against Clinton Chase, shot his best round off the white tees with a -2 round of 71 which included four birdies and a double -bogey on hole # 13, continues to hold down the next spot with ten birdies. David Harvey and Brian Docherty with seven birdies. Next is Mal Ashton with an eagle and five birdies and Clinton Chase with six birdies, just edging ahead of Isaac Preece with an eagle and four birdies.

You wouldn't believe it, the summer weekends seem to have deserted us for the past month as the weather outlook for this Saturday is fine with rain developing but with a high of 26 with a southerly change. We can only hope that the forecast will improve as we get closer to weekend.

This week is the final round for the Ringers participants to make improvements to their current net scores. Take note of the holes that you need to focus on where you're most likely to improve on and play those holes with a strategic plan which you'll execute to attain the goal set. All the best for a successfully executed round.

See you out there on Saturday and Happy Golfing.

Kevin King

Ringers Organiser

## INTERCLUB

### Over 50's

Great News - On Sunday 20th February the Coringa Over 50's Team were able to win the Canterbury Over 50's Interclub Champs at the Rangiora GC. The competition is made up of 24 club teams and this is now Coringa's 3rd over 50's Title in recent years.

Thanks to a stellar gross score of 76 by Paul Hansen the Coringa Team were able to claw back the 4-stroke deficit against arch-rivals Christchurch GC and win by a single stroke. Muggins Rademakers almost 'blew it' by incurring a 2-stroke penalty after a well-executed drive off the wrong tee block!!! It is a mystery to this day why his 3 playing partners just watched silently as the debacle unfolded .....



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A huge Congratulations and Thanks go out to those who contributed during the 6 round competition, namely Paul Hansen, Lin Wang, Mike James, James Angus, Scott Ritchie and David Harvey. Scores for the day - Paul Hansen 76 John Rademakers 78 Lin Wang 78 and Mike James 79

John Rademakers – Player / Manager

### Metro A

The post-Christmas games began on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February and the Coringa team had a bye! After that there are 4 further games to be played. Coringa is at present in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a very tight competition.

James Willetts - Player / Manager

## Presidents

The team's round eleven game was against Clearwater at Coringa last Sunday and the team suffered a 3 – 5 loss.

The team at present lies in 6<sup>th</sup> place (out of 14), with 12 points.

## MEN'S REPORT

This Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, we have a Stroke competition off the Black and White / Silver tee blocks for men and women off the Yellows. We also have the very competitive final for the Foley Cup between Andrew Wight and Albert Yee.

Both Puds and I are away, so JB will be doing the raffles and results, so those in the afternoon group could you please help with selling the raffles and the results where necessary.

Last Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, was an Irish Stableford round off the Blue and White tee blocks for men and the Yellow tee blocks for the women, with 80 playing in nice weather, but in course conditions closer to spring than the last few weeks of summer. The outstanding scores in the White competition came from Alan Smith with 86 from David Cross on 82. What fabulous scores by Smithy and David! In the Blue competition, it was again Spencer Wicks with 74 points from Rob Gillespie on 73. Well done all those winners and the full results are available on the website!

Barry mentioned to me that he forgot to enter the gross competition, so I apologise to those who could not enter this competition. It will be back next week!

## FOLEY CUP

The Semi Final round matches were:

Andrew Wight v Daviel Bushby

Andrew and Daniel had a close match with Andrew winning.

Clinton Chase v Albert Yee

Albert had an easy win according to Clinton.

The Final round on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February is between Andrew and Albert off the shortest tee available.

Good luck both and the draw for your final has been entered by Barry.

## Meat/ Wine/ Raffle Prizes:

The raffles have been difficult to sell in the last few weekends with the weather issues so this Saturday we will only have one 50 number raffle.

Please purchase your tickets from Murita and help us out.

Could I ask raffle purchasers to check the board and if you have a prize, wipe your name off, then ask Murita for your prize, as we don't have a lot of area available within the freezer.

## The Coringa Open

**'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' and 'NZ Post' Coringa Open on 9th April 2022:**

On Saturday we had **37** individuals who have paid to enter the tournament.

The sub-committee will meet at 5.30 pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at Bishop Brothers. The committee has already secured five substantial sponsors and working through further sponsorship opportunities with **'Asahi'**, **'New World Bishopdale'** and many other smaller firms!

I have received sponsorship from **John Maasch!** Thanks very much to John.

Indeed, thanks very much to our confirmed sponsors!

If there are any members who are willing to assist with sponsoring by providing cash to purchase prizes, goods, services or vouchers, then please tell one the subcommittee members Jamie Howard, Vance Heteraka, James Willetts and myself or email me at [David.harvey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:David.harvey@xtra.co.nz) !

Please get your group together and be part of guaranteed first hundred participants who pay or you may miss out!

### Match Committee Meeting:

The match committee met last Saturday to discuss our upcoming programme and other matters. The meetings minutes will hopefully be available in a couple of weeks once I've typed them up for any club member who wishes to read them. If you are interested just contact me!

There were many matters discussed but the following matters of potential club discussion were raised:

- Re-rating of Silver tee blocks to equalise the strokes on the front and back nines.
- Ensuring the programme reduces the number of rounds being played off the Blue tee blocks as we move into winter.
- Seeking feedback from Foley Cup participants on the use of shortest tee block programmed and how it affected matches.
- The slow pace of play on Number 1 and particularly the time lost looking for balls in the rough after inaccurate first shots. Could the widening of the fairway on the left hand humps and right hand pines assist? To discuss with the Course Committee and Rohan to slightly shorten the rough grass!
- Encourage female participation in the upcoming '**Lone Star and Joes Garage Group**' and '**NZ Post**' **Coringa Open: 9th April 2022**.
- The clubs representative sides performance and potential moving forward. Question raised about the black tee trial period for Blank Cup side.
- Generating / Maintaining club sponsors and the appropriateness of the 'Sponsors Tournament' in November 2021.
- Unanimously moved and passed: *'That the match committee will require a minimum of 25 participants to complete a Saturday round to establish a competition requiring a the payments of prizes. If there is not 25 completed rounds, then all entries fees paid will be able to be used by those individuals to pay for match fees in the coming weeks. The employee in the Pro-shop will manage the ticking off the entries!'*

Before this decision is implemented could I ask for club member feedback through to the Match Committee members or email me at [David.harvey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:David.harvey@xtra.co.nz).

### Upcoming events:

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 26th February | Final of Foley Cup Matchplay  |
| 2 March       | 'Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' Watering Tournament<br>(Stableford - \$15 entry). |
| 9 April       | Coringa Open'   |

### Closest to the Pin:

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| Weekly | Hancock's Wine and Beer Merchants |
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### Membership Welfare:

#### **Peter Marsh:**

Unfortunately for Swampy the DHB is not allowing visitors to patients in all hospitals including Burwood. I understand he is walking around and starting to make a good recovery.

Pete is reading every text message he receives and now responding, so keep sending those golfing stories to him to keep his spirits up!

#### **Jess Heteraka:**

Jess is continuing on her recovery, and I believe back at work soon (unfortunately for her!). The doctors have not been able to diagnose the cause. We all hope there are no further issues!

#### **Jerry Kuipers:**

We haven't seen Jerry for a few weeks on the course. I understand he is on the improve and we all hope to see him back soon! I'll drop in and see him next week for an update for everyone.

#### **Ray Skinner**

Ray suffered a heart attack a week or so ago but is now at home recovering. Please ring and let him know we are thinking of him.

### Comment:

I have travelled through to Kaikoura for a week's holiday and can't believe how green the drive up north was! The weather feels like we are already in autumn and somehow, we've missed our summer! I complement Rohan and staff for keeping the course as playable as it has been considering the rainfall. Thanks guys.

Last Saturday I made the decision for simplicity and a change that the Saturday match would pay out the first ten scores i.e got prizes, for those who played off the white tee block and first eight off the blue tee. The use of divisions within the tee blocks is the choice of the match committee representative doing the results on the particular Saturday! If there are any members or participants who have any issues or comments which they wish to be shared with the match committee regarding the Saturday matches or match committee decisions please either approach the members of the committee or email me as I have repetitively asked at [David.harvey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:David.harvey@xtra.co.nz)! I do often ask for feedback, but don't receive much, so I guess we are making sound decisions for the benefit of all our members!

I lastly repeat my thoughts on the ongoing challenge of COVID and the reality that currently the Government Omicron mandates are an issue for us all. We are all aware and somewhat fearful of the health issues associated. The government has mandated protocols which allow businesses to operate, and the board and our staff must operate within those including the wearing of masks. I know we all do not enjoy wearing them. The reality is they must be worn within the bar when we are purchasing food or alcohol. I was told that the Richmond Working Men's Club had an issue as they were serving people who were not wearing masks and the Police closed them down for a period. As a club we don't want to lose our clubrooms and our community feel! Could I please ask people to wear a mask into the Pro-Shop and clubrooms and when you arrive or are purchasing.

It's simple!

David Harvey  
Men's Captain

### **LADIES REPORT**

#### Tournaments

|           |                                |
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| Russley   | Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March. |
| Mayfair   | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| Ellesmere | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March  |
| Waimari   | Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March  |

For all above tournaments please contact Leigh on 0274340872 if you want to play in any of them.

#### Coringa Open.

You will have seen the email from Sandy re the Coringa Open to be played on the 9<sup>th</sup> April. \$30 entry fee. Dave Harvey would like to see as many of us as we can muster come and play the 18 holes. Entries close on the 6<sup>th</sup> April. For other information see posters around the club or in this newsletter

#### Saturday

Five ladies played Stablefords and closest to the pin. It did get a bit hot halfway around.

1<sup>st</sup> Anne M with 19 Stablefords, 2<sup>nd</sup> equal Myra and Tracey with 17 Stablefords

Closest to the pin, Anne M

Slots have been booked for this coming Saturday at 9.06am. Please go online and add your name if you are wanting to play

#### 18-hole ladies

Dave Harvey is happy to accommodate you within the men's game on a Saturday

Sunday results: 3 ladies turned up to play so just had a friendly

Next week two slots have been booked from 9.30

#### Tuesday

The day was so hot most of our players forgot what game we were playing. It was Net. So, we managed to get 3 cards that could count as winners. All we will say is Myra was first, with a countback for 2nd which was Ellen then Leigh. Everyone struggled with the heat.

Thursday; 11 played for Stablefords and best putting. The winner was Jay with 23 Stablefords and best putting was Janice McPhail with 15 putts

### Twilight

50 played twilight with 6 ladies amongst them. While it was still very warm when we started out it did finally cool down to make it a very pleasant evening for playing golf.

First lady was Mandy Walsh with 22 Stablefords, then second by lot Anne M and third Tracey B both with 19 Stablefords

### Interclub

This week Coringa played Waitikiri at Pegasus. It was a draw.

Don't forget to follow Coringa on Facebook - Anne Morgan

## **WEDNESDAY GOLF**

### **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' \$15 Tournament**

We will have our **'The Lone Star and Joes Garage Group' \$15 Tournament** on Wednesday 2nd March. Please remember that we trialed booking tee times either directly through Dotgolf or the Pro-Shop for the month in advance or days prior. The general feedback from participants was that set times weren't really necessary as everyone arrived and started around the same times. The tournament starts at 10.30 am and everyone must be on the course by 11.30. Just turn up!

David Harvey

## **THURSDAY MEN'S GOLF**

It was a calm cool day for the inaugural Dr Tommy Patton Memorial Trophy day. We played an Irish Stableford off Yellow tees and the scoring was pretty good with the greens running fast and true.

The full results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> and winner of the Dr Tommy Patton Trophy

|                 |                            |    |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----|
|                 | Mark Searle                | 81 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Paul Gnad                  | 78 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rex Dominokovich           | 77 |
|                 | (Nice to see you back Rex) |    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Jim Anderson               | 75 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Robert Pryce               | 72 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Michael Healy              | 71 |

There were nearest the pins for Wing Gin (#7) and Seamus O'Cromtha (#17) with 2's for John Matthews and Wing Gin.

It was my pleasure to play with Michael Patton who does not play often and if he does watch out. He presented the trophy to Mark Searle and as you will see in the picture it is a very appropriate trophy.

I have to mention an incident involving a former club captain and senior citizen who lined up a shot out of the rough and on executing same discovered it was a dandelion!! I am told it did not go far and there was no need for a rule's interpretation. [In his defence it should he added that he was using a yellow ball!]

A very successful day to honour the late Dr Tommy Patton and this will be an annual event.

Looking forward to next week and until then good golfing.

For Thursday Men  
Chris Cottrell



[Pictured is Michael Patton resting in "Tommy's Chair" at the 16<sup>th</sup> tee.]

## TWILIGHT 2021-2022

The Twilight programme is coming to a close with the scheduled final night on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March (though may be extended). It starts every Tuesday evening with a shotgun start shortly after 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Members \$5 and Guests \$10

Good prizes and a Burger meal to follow - \$10

A warm calm night greeted 50 players for Twilight with visitors from Hutt Park, Kaiapoi, Waimakariri Gorge, Harewood, Waimairi Beach, Avondale, Russley and Akaroa.



Champion of Champions is now getting down to the business end of the competition with Hugo Pow overtaking Courtney Wilson in the top spot. Still more players getting close to 10 games and positions will keep changing.

If you haven't played twilight come on out to tee off by 5.30 every Tuesday night and enjoy the best burger and chips in town – Everyone welcome. If you on your own, we will put you in a four.

### Winners on the night

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|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Mandy Walsh      | 22        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Hugo Pow         | 21 by lot |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Gordon McCoy     | 21 by lot |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Barry Hall       | 21 by lot |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Oliver Shea      | 20 by lot |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Andy Trounson    | 20 by lot |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Mark Searle      | 20 by lot |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Anne Morgan      | 19 by lot |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Oliver Snape     | 19 by lot |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Tracey Bruce     | 19 by Lot |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Russell McGregor | 19 by lot |

Prizes paid out down to player 22

Gordon McCoy

Twilight Convenor

## AND NOW

### Best Excuse

A pensioner drove his brand new BMW to 100 mph, looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him. He floored it to 140, then 150, ... then 155, ... Suddenly he thought, "I'm too old for this nonsense!"

So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

The officer walked up to him, looked at his watch and said,

"Sir, my shift ends in ten minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend with my family. If you can give me a good reason that I've never heard before, why you were speeding... I'll let you go."

The Man looked very seriously at the police man, and replied :-

"Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman, I thought you were bringing her back!!!"

The Cop left saying,

" Have a good day, Sir "...

### Champion of Champions

| Player           | 10 game average |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Hugo Pow         | 19.7            |
| Courtney Wilson  | 19.5            |
| Bev Gordon       | 19.1            |
| Oliver Snape     | 19.1            |
| Lindsay smith    | 18.6            |
| Robert Chisholm  | 18.6            |
| Mark Searle      | 18.2            |
| Paul Snape       | 18.0            |
| Anne Morgan      | 17.6            |
| Russell McGregor | 17.6            |
| John H Wilson    | 17.4            |
| Tracey Bruce     | 17.4            |
| Regan bentley    | 17.1            |
| Andrei Cotiga    | 17.0            |
| Daniel Wilson    | 17.0            |
| Gordon McCoy     | 17.0            |
| Robert Faalilio  | 17.0            |
| Oliver Shea      | 16.9            |
| Greg Newell      | 16.2            |
| Jonathan Kemp    | 15.9            |
| Neal Shaw        | 15.8            |
| Philip Olsen     | 15.7            |
| David Cookson    | 15.3            |
| John Maasch      | 15.2            |
| Carly Shaw       | 14.5            |
| Andy Williamson  | 14.3            |
| Michael Harris   | 14.2            |

### **Blind Pilots**

An airliner is fully boarded and ready to push-off from the gate, when two blind pilots enter the main cabin. The pilots both are wearing dark glasses, one is using a guide dog and the other is tapping his way along the aisle with a cane. Nervous laughter spreads through the cabin, but the men enter the cockpit, the door closes, and the engines start up.

The passengers begin glancing nervously around, searching for some sign that this is just a little practical joke. None is forthcoming. The plane moves faster and faster down the runway and the people sitting in the window seats realize they're headed straight for the water at the edge of the airport.

As it begins to look as though the plane will plough into the water, panicked screams fill the cabin. At that moment, the plane lifts smoothly into the air. The passengers relax and laugh a little sheepishly, and soon all retreat into their magazines, secure in the knowledge that the plane is in good hands.

In the cockpit, one of the blind pilots turns to the other and says, "You know, Bob, one of these days, they're gonna scream too late and we're all gonna die."

If any of you have news that would be appropriate for this newsletter, please email it me at:

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John Brettell